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Crop Report for the week ending April 19, 2009

Seeding has begun in the southwest corner of the province, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture's first weekly crop report of 2009.

A late spring, combined with cooler temperatures and precipitation, has delayed seeding in most other areas of the province. The northern and central regions are still one to two weeks away from the start of seeding.

Some crop districts in the western half of the province are in need of moisture. Most areas are reporting good winter snowfall, but not a lot of runoff.

Some crop districts reported significant rainfall this past week. Dugouts are filling in areas that were previously dry.

Eighteen per cent of cropland is reported as having surplus top soil moisture; 71 per cent is reported as having adequate moisture; and 11 per cent is reported as having low or very low moisture levels. Nine per cent of hay and pasture land is reported as having surplus top soil moisture; 76 per cent is reported as having adequate moisture; and 15 per cent is reported as having low or very low moisture levels.

Crop reporters indicate that producers have spent the last several weeks picking rocks, readying machinery, cleaning grain, controlling winter annuals, calving, obtaining crop inputs and attending auction sales.

1 Year Ago

Approximately one per cent of the crop was seeded

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Southeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, and 3ASE)

During the past week, the southeast was cool with showers. On average, 12mm of rain fell, ranging from 20mm in Crop District (CD) 3AS-east to 2mm in CD 1A. Most areas are reporting good runoff, although not as much as expected considering the amount of snow over the winter.

Topsoil moisture on cropland is reported as 37 per cent surplus, 62 per cent adequate. On hay and pasture land, top soil moisture is 14 per cent surplus and 84 per cent adequate. There is not a lot of field activity as fields are quite wet. There were no reports of seeding.

The majority of the southeast had adequate forage and feed grain supplies for the winter. One per cent of the crop was left unharvested in the field. It is not expected to be combined this spring.

Dugouts are filling, crocuses are blooming and pussy willows are out. Farmers are busy with calving, readying machinery and attending auction sales.

Southwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 3ASW, 3AN, 3B and 4)

The past couple of weeks have been cool and windy. Some areas reported rain, with an average of 12mm. The Shaunavon area experienced six inches of snow, mixed with rain on April 15. Moisture seems to be adequate and average for this time of year. Water supply a concern in pastures in some areas, with some dugouts barely filling and some areas experiencing very little runoff.

Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are 82 per cent adequate and 14 per cent short. Hay and pasture land is 81 per cent adequate and 16 per cent short. Seeding has just gotten under way with peas and canola.

Approximately half of the southwest had to stretch forage supplies as there was inadequate forage to carry through the winter. Some areas experienced a tighter feed grain supply by the time winter was through. Some cattle are heading to pasture, and some will be receiving supplemental feed in some form. Gophers have been out for a few weeks already.

Farmers are busy applying fertilizer to winter crops, applying spring burn-off products, readying machinery, calving, taking cows to pasture, going to auction sales and cleaning grain. There are reports of short supplies of Edge and some seed treatments.

East-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 and 6a)

This particular district experienced cool and wet conditions during the last week. The slow spring is delaying entrance into the field to do spring preparations. There was snow

and rain last week in the Craik, Imperial, Nokomis and Leroy areas, for a total of 28mm of precipitation.

Topsoil moisture conditions for crop land are 23 per cent surplus, 72 per cent adequate and five per cent short. Hay and pasture topsoil moisture is looking good, with 14 per cent surplus and 83 per cent adequate. Fields are too wet to start spring preparation. Seeding is not expected to start for about 10 days to two weeks. Winter crops are greening up.

Forage and feed supplies over winter were adequate, with most farmers not reporting any shortages.

Farmers are busy preparing equipment, acquiring crop inputs, calving, cleaning seed and attending auction sales.

West-Central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6B and 7)

West-central Saskatchewan has had cool weather delaying the warm-up of soils. Moisture would be welcome in all areas. An average of 2.9mm fell last week. Some areas around Arelee received 11mm.

Cropland topsoil moisture conditions for the area are 73 per cent adequate, 17 per cent short and nine per cent very short. Hay and pasture land is sitting at 65 per cent adequate, 26 per cent short and eight per cent very short. Field work is expected to begin in the next week or so. Hay and pasture land in some areas are in need of rain, particularly in CD 7A.

Forage supplies were tight for approximately 50 per cent of the CD. There was about five to 10 per cent forage carryover in other areas of the CD.

Farmers are preparing for seeding, cleaning seed, moving grain and calving. In some areas, there appears to be a tight supply of glyphosate products. On-time delivery of fertilizer may be an issue.

Northeastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 and 9AE)

Cool days with rain and snow were scattered throughout the area during the past couple of weeks. The rain and snow on April 15 resulted in some areas receiving 23mm of precipitation. An average of 19mm of rain was received over the past week. The Arborfield area received over 50mm of rain during last week. CD 8B averaged 2.7mm of rain.

Cropland topsoil moisture conditions for the area are 32 per cent surplus and 54 per cent adequate. Hay and pasture top soil moisture conditions are reported as 22 per cent surplus and 50 per cent adequate. There is no significant flooding to report; the snow

soaked right into the soil as it melted. Farmers are not expected to start seeding until the beginning of May.

While feed grain availability was not an issue this year, about 52 per cent of the CD experienced tighter forage supplies.

Farmers are calving, readying machinery and cleaning grain.

Northwestern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9AW and 9B)

Most reports are coming in as cool and dry in the northwest, with some fluctuating temperatures and some areas that are more moist. There is not much runoff. Recent rains resulted in an average of 8.5mm in CD 9AW and 4.4mm in CD 9B.

Cropland topsoil moisture conditions are currently three per cent surplus, 69 per cent adequate and 23 per cent short. The hay and pasture topsoil moisture conditions are 63 per cent adequate and 31 per cent short. Two per cent of the harvest was left in the field last fall, and it is all expected to be combined this spring. Livestock forage supplies over winter came up short in many areas. Farmers needed to truck in hay. Feed grain supplies were generally adequate.

There is not much field activity at this point. Seeding is expected to start in early May. The recent rains are welcome, as it will help get pastures and hay on the right track.

Weekly Rainfall Summary

(in mm)

For the week ending April 20, 2009

Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past Week	Since 01-Apr	Crop Dist.	R.M. No.	Name	Past week	Since 01-Apr
1A	1	Argyle	N/A	N/A		191A	Marquis	N/A	N/A
	2	Mt.Pleasant	N/A	N/A	3ASE	9	Surprise Val.	N/A	N/A
	3	Enniskillen	1	1		38A	Laurier	N/A	N/A
	33A	Moose Cr.	1	3		38B	Laurier	21	21
	33B	Moose Cr.	N/A	N/A		39A	The Gap	20	20
	34	Browning	N/A	N/A		39B	The Gap	19	19
	61	Antler	N/A	N/A		10	Happy Val.	9	10
	64	Brock	3	6	3ASW	12	Poplar Val.	N/A	2
	65	Tecumesh	3	3		40	Bengough	12	12
1B	91	Maryfield	N/A	N/A		42	Willow Bunch	21	23
	92	Walpole	7	7		43A	Old Post	0	0
	93	Wawken	N/A	N/A		44	Waverley	N/A	N/A
	94	Hazelwood	N/A	N/A		70	Key West	N/A	N/A
	95	Golden West	N/A	N/A		71A	Excel	20	20
	121	Moosomin	N/A	N/A		71B	Excel	N/A	N/A
	122	Martin	N/A	N/A		71C	Excel	N/A	N/A
	123	Silverwood	10	10		73A	Stonehenge	N/A	N/A
	124	Kingsley	6	6		73B	Stonehenge	28	35
	125	Chester	N/A	N/A		74	Wood River	N/A	4
	151B	Rocanville	7	9		101	Terrell	21	23
	153	Willowdale	N/A	N/A	3AN	102	Lake Johnston	16	16
	154	Elcapo	N/A	N/A		103	Sutton	26	26
	155	Wolseley	N/A	N/A		134	Shamrock	34	34
2A	36	Cymri	4	4		164	Chaplin	N/A	TR
	66	Griffin	N/A	N/A		193	Eyebrow	28	28
	67	Weyburn	13	13		194	Enfield	N/A	N/A
	68	Brokenshell	20	20	3BS	17A	Val Marie	N/A	N/A
	69	Norton	23	23		17B	Val Marie	N/A	N/A
	96	Fillmore	11	11		45	Mankota	26	27
	97	Wellington	15	15		75A	Pinto Cr.	N/A	N/A
	99	Caledonia	15	15		75B	Pinto Cr.	N/A	N/A
2B	126	Montmartre	14	14		76A	Auvergne	10	10
	127	Francis	17	21		76B	Auvergne	N/A	N/A
	129	Bratt's Lake	4	4		77	Wise Cr.	N/A	N/A
	131	Baildon	23	25		78A	Grassy Cr.	16	21
	156A	Indian Head	N/A	N/A		78B	Grassy Cr.	13	17
	156B	Indian Head	17	19		78C	Grassy Cr.	N/A	N/A
	157	South Qu'app.	N/A	N/A		105	Glenbain	17	20
	158	Edenwold	N/A	N/A					
	160	Pense	25	25					
	161	Moose Jaw	11	11					

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each R.M. and do not necessarily reflect the entire R.M. *incomplete

R.M. No.: A, B, C and D- more than one crop reporter

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	106	Whiska Cr.	16	16
	107	Lac Pelletier	2	2
	108	Bone Cr.	11	14
3BN	138	Webb	8	8
	166	Excelsior	6	10
	167	Sask. Landing	10	15
	168	Riverside	N/A	N/A
	225	Canaan	N/A	N/A
	226	Victory	5	6
	228A	Lacadena	2	2
	228B	Lacadena	N/A	N/A
	255	Coteau	N/A	N/A
4A	49A	White Val.	NIL	6
	49B	White Val.	N/A	N/A
	51	Reno	2	6
	79	Arlington	15	15
	109	Carmichael	2	5
	110	Piapot	N/A	N/A
	111A	Maple Cr.	N/A	N/A
4B	139	Gull Lk.	3	7
	141	Big Stick	1	2
	142	Enterprise	NIL	NIL
	169	Pittville	N/A	N/A
	231	Happyland	N/A	N/A
	232	Deer Forks	N/A	N/A
5A	183	Fertile Belt	8	8
	184A	Grayson	N/A	N/A
	184B	Grayson	N/A	N/A
	185	Mcleod	9	10
	186	Abernethy	20	20
	211	Churchbridge	N/A	N/A
	213	Saltcoats	N/A	N/A
	216A	Tullymet	18	18
	216B	Tullymet	NIL	35
	241	Calder	N/A	N/A
	243	Wallace	NIL	15
	245A	Garry	N/A	N/A
	245B	Garry	19	19
	246	Ituna Bon Acc.	N/A	N/A
	247	Kellross	21	21
	248	Touchwood	N/A	N/A
5B	271	Cote	15	16
	273	Sliding Hills	7	7
	275	Insinger	42	42
	276	Foam Lk.	N/A	N/A
	277	Emerald	39	39
	304	Buchanan	31	31
	305	Ivermay	N/A	N/A
	307	Elfros	50	50
	308	Big Quill	N/A	N/A
	333	Clayton	N/A	N/A
	336	Sasman	49	49
	337	Lakeview	46	46
	338	Lakeside	39	39
	366	Kelvington	53	53
	367B	Ponass Lk.	N/A	N/A
	190A	Dufferin	27	29
6A	190B	Dufferin	N/A	N/A
	190C	Dufferin	27	27
	190D	Dufferin	34	34
	219A	Longlaketon	47	47
	219B	Longlaketon	28	29
	220	McKillop	34	34
	221	Sarnia	32	32
	222	Craik	47	47
	251	Big Arm	24	27
	252	Arm River	27	27
	279A	Mount Hope	42	45
	279B	Mt Hope	N/A	N/A
	280	Wreford	33	34
	282	Mccraney	N/A	N/A
	312	Morris	16	16
	313	Lost River	N/A	N/A
	339	Leroy	36	37
	340A	Wolverine	23	23
	341	Viscount	13	13
	343	Blucher	N/A	1
	283	Rosedale	7	9
	284	Rudy	6	16
6B	285	Fertile Val.	TR	TR
	286	Milden	NIL	5
	314	Dundurn	11	11
	344	Corman Pk.	NIL	NIL
	346	Perdue	2	2
	376A	Eagle Cr.	N/A	N/A
	376B	Eagle Cr.	10	10
	403	Rosthern	N/A	N/A

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7A	259	Snipe Lk.	NIL	NIL		493	Shellbrook	N/A	N/A
	287	St.Andrews	N/A	N/A		494	Canwood	N/A	N/A
	288	Pleasant Val.	N/A	N/A		496	Spiritwood	13	13
	292	Milton	N/A	N/A		497	Medstead	N/A	N/A
	317A	Marriott	NIL	NIL		555	Big River	7	7
	317B	Marriott	N/A	N/A		438	Battle River	N/A	N/A
	318A	Mt. View	N/A	N/A	9B	440	Hillside	TR	TR
	318B	Mt. View	NIL	TR		442	Manitou Lk.	2	3
	320	Oakdale	TR	TR		498A	Parkdale	2	3
	321	Prairiedale	N/A	N/A		498B	Parkdale	4	9
7B	347A	Biggar	4	4		499	Mervin	3	3
	347B	Biggar	N/A	N/A		501A	Frenchman Bu.	N/A	N/A
	350A	Mariposa	NIL	NIL		501B	Frenchman Bu.	NIL	6
	350B	Mariposa	TR	2		501C	Frenchman Bu.	N/A	N/A
	351	Progress	N/A	N/A		502	Britannia	6	6
	352	Heart's Hill	N/A	N/A		561	Look Lk.	9	14
	377	Glenside	10	10		588A	Meadow Lk.	5	5
	378A	Rosemount	N/A	N/A		588B	Meadow Lk.	7	8
	378B	Rosemount	3	3		588C	Meadow Lk.	11	11
	379	Reford	3	4		588D	Meadow Lk.	N/A	N/A
	380	Tramping Lk.	NIL	NIL		622	Beaver River	N/A	N/A
	382	Eye Hill	N/A	N/A					
	409	Buffalo	N/A	N/A					
	410	Round Val.	N/A	3					
	411	Senlac	N/A	N/A					
8A	395	Porcupine	N/A	N/A					
	397	Barrier Val.	46	46					
	428	Star City	28	28					
	456	Arborfield	64	64					
	457	Connaught	N/A	N/A					
	458	Willow Cr.	4	4					
	486	Moose Range	14	14					
	487	Nipawin	7	7					
8B	369	St. Peter							
	370	Humboldt	N/A	N/A					
	372	Grant	N/A	N/A					
	400	Three Lks.	2	2					
	402	Fish Cr.	N/A	N/A					
	429A	Flett's Spr.	2	2					
	429B	Flett's Spr.	N/A	4					
	431	St. Louis	N/A	N/A					
	459	Kinistino	4	4					
9AE	488	Torch River	N/A	N/A					
	520	Paddockwood	N/A	N/A					
9AW	406	Mayfield	N/A	N/A					
	435	Redberry	12	12					
	436	Douglas	8	8					
	463	Duck Lake	8	8					
	464	Leask	N/A	N/A					
	467	Round Hill	N/A	N/A					

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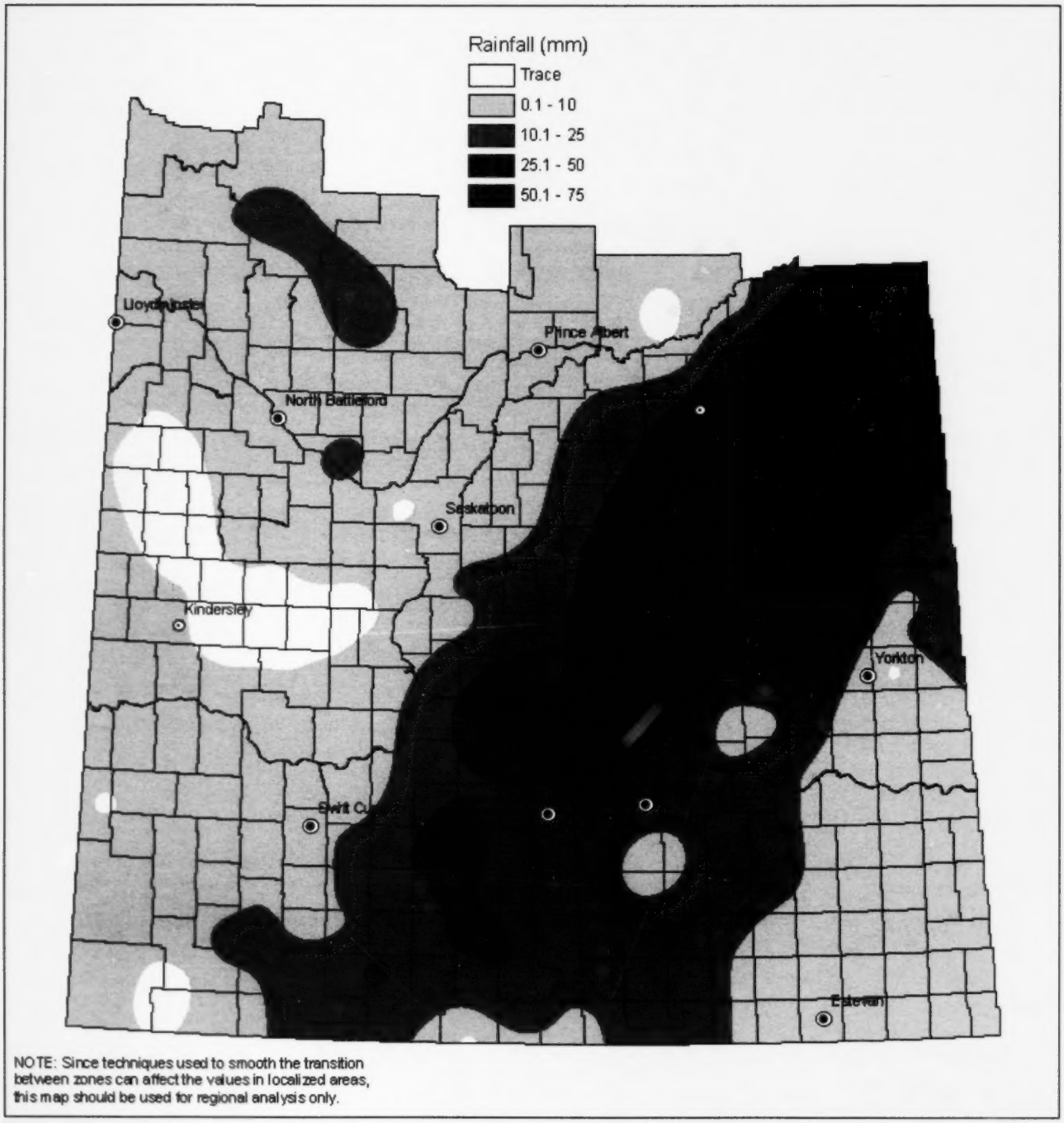

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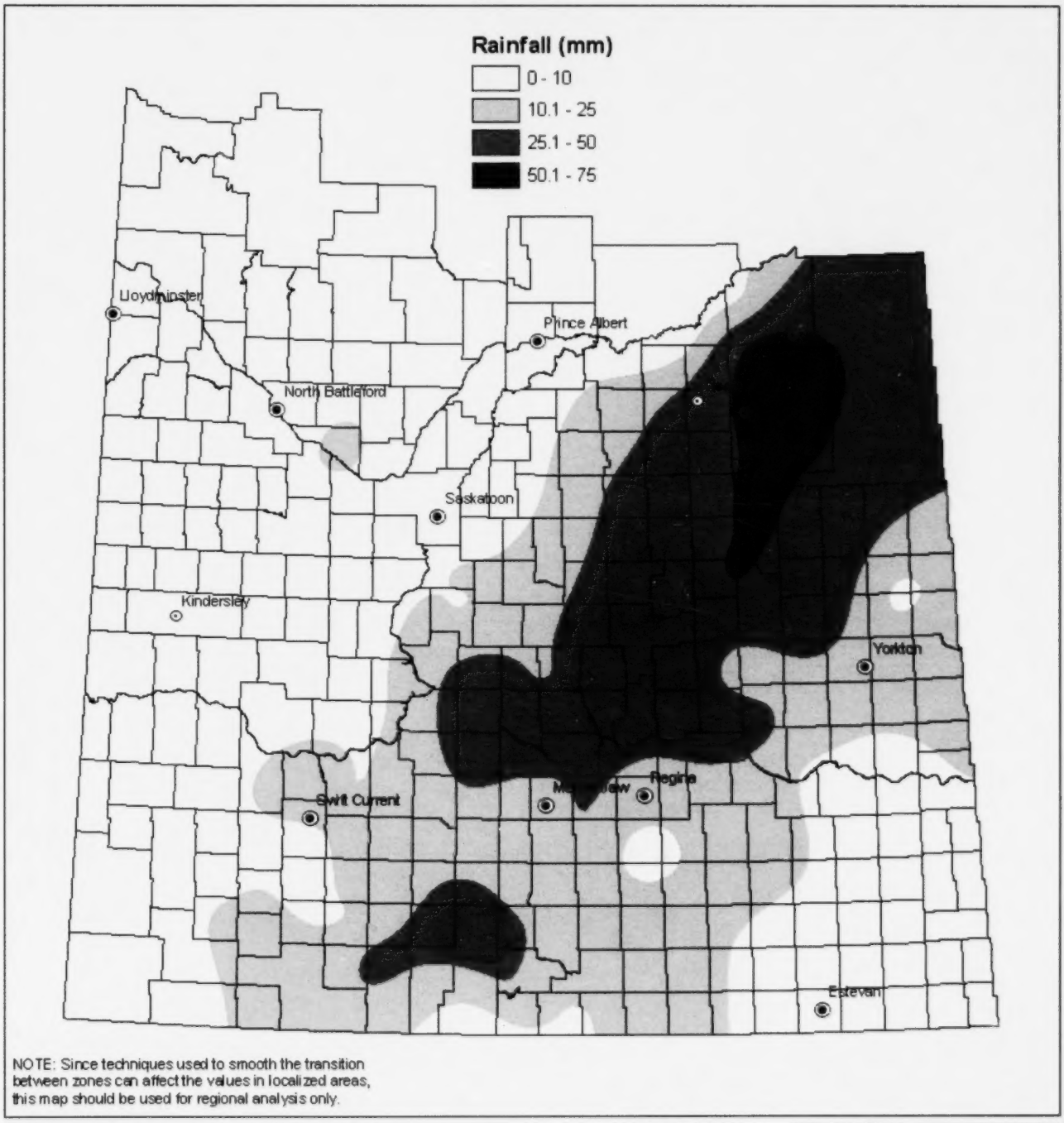

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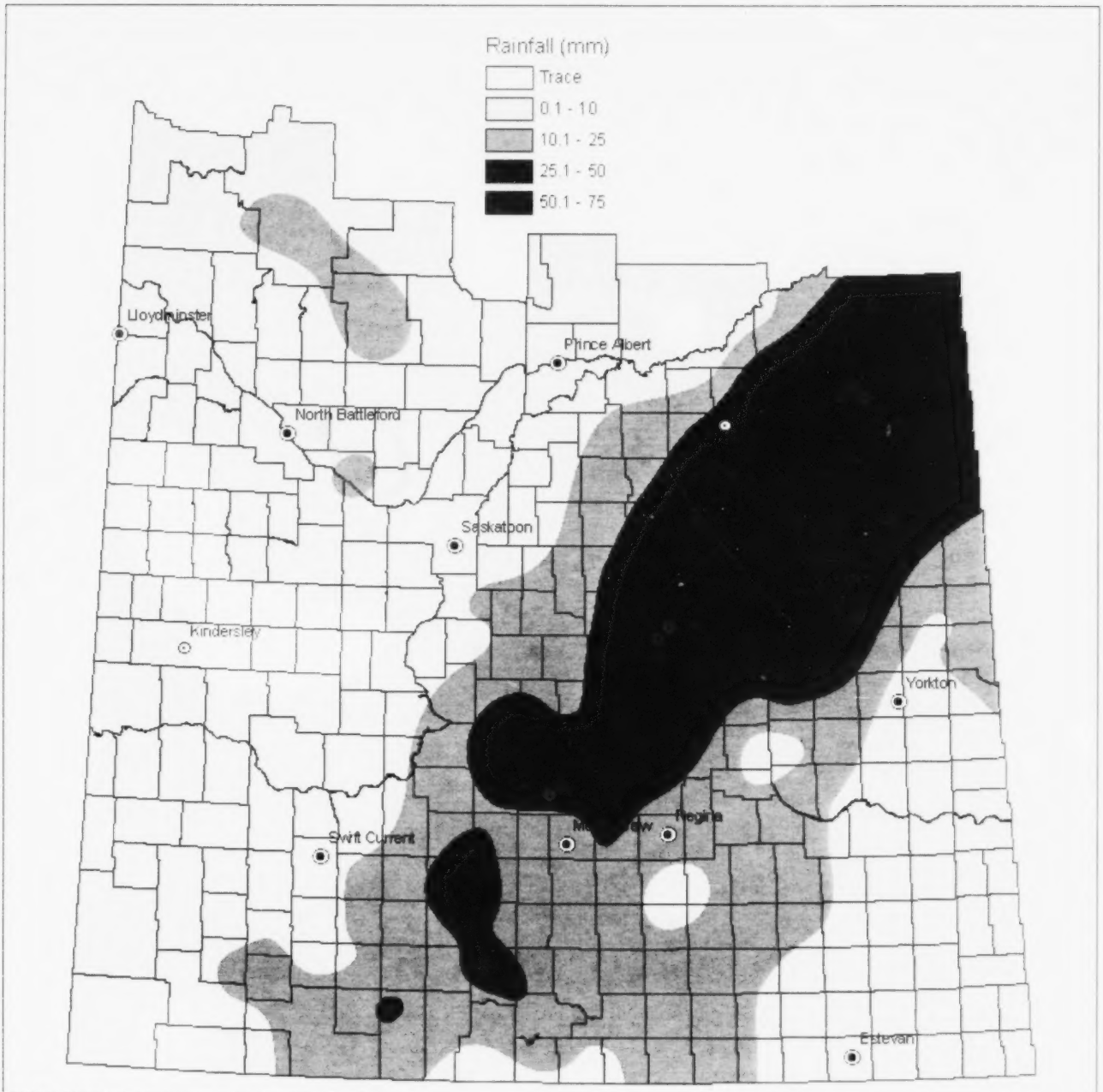

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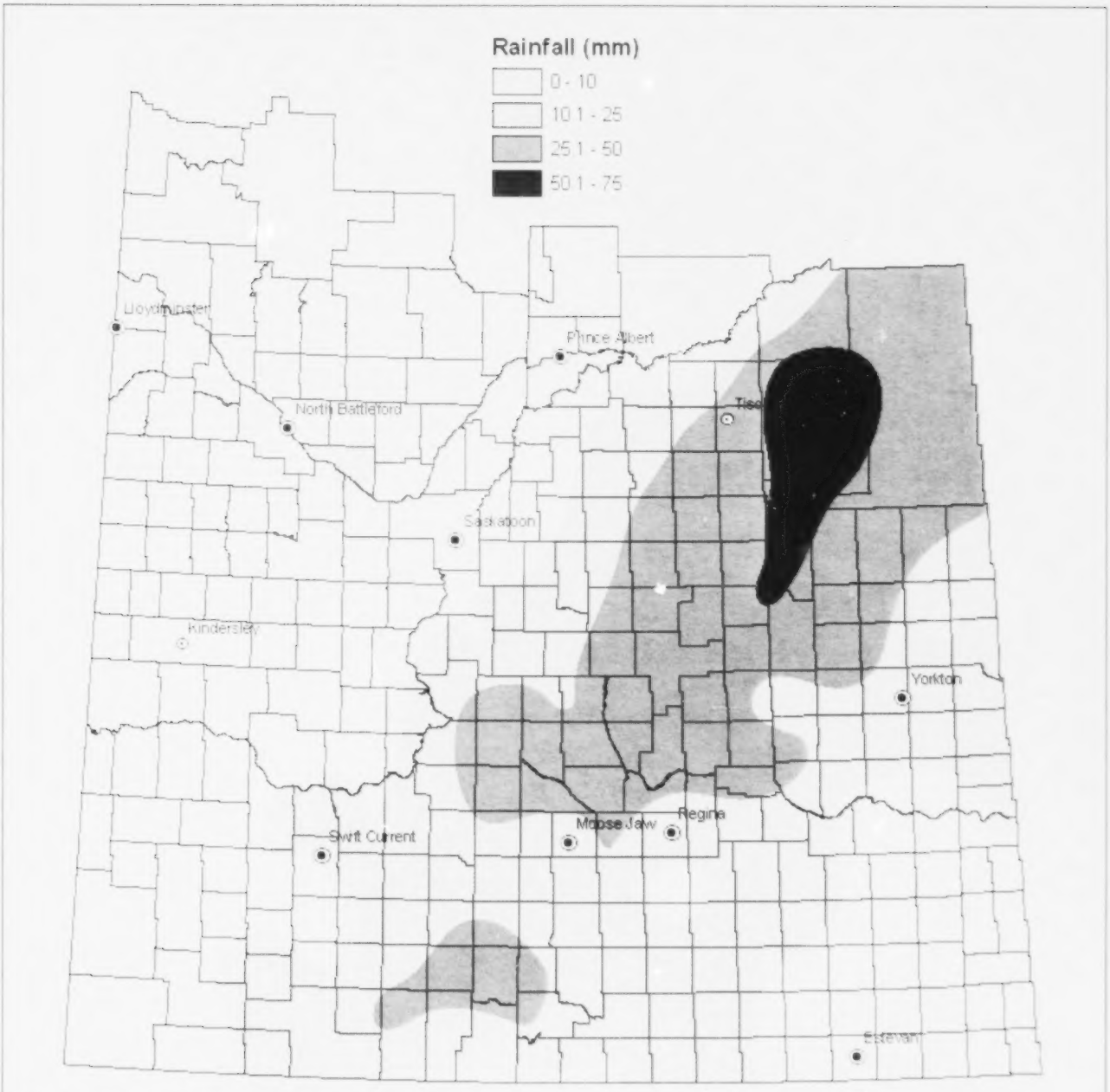

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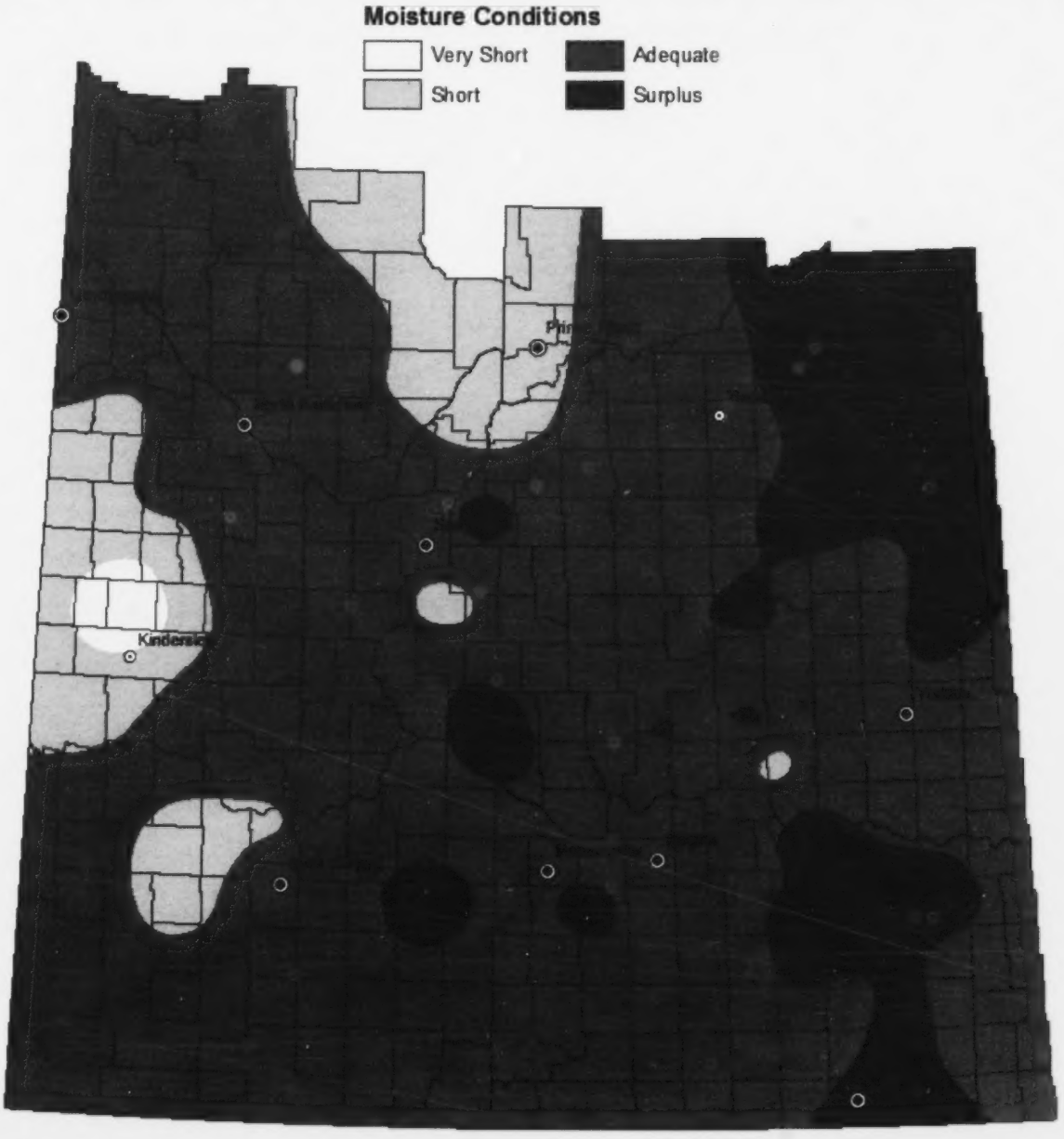

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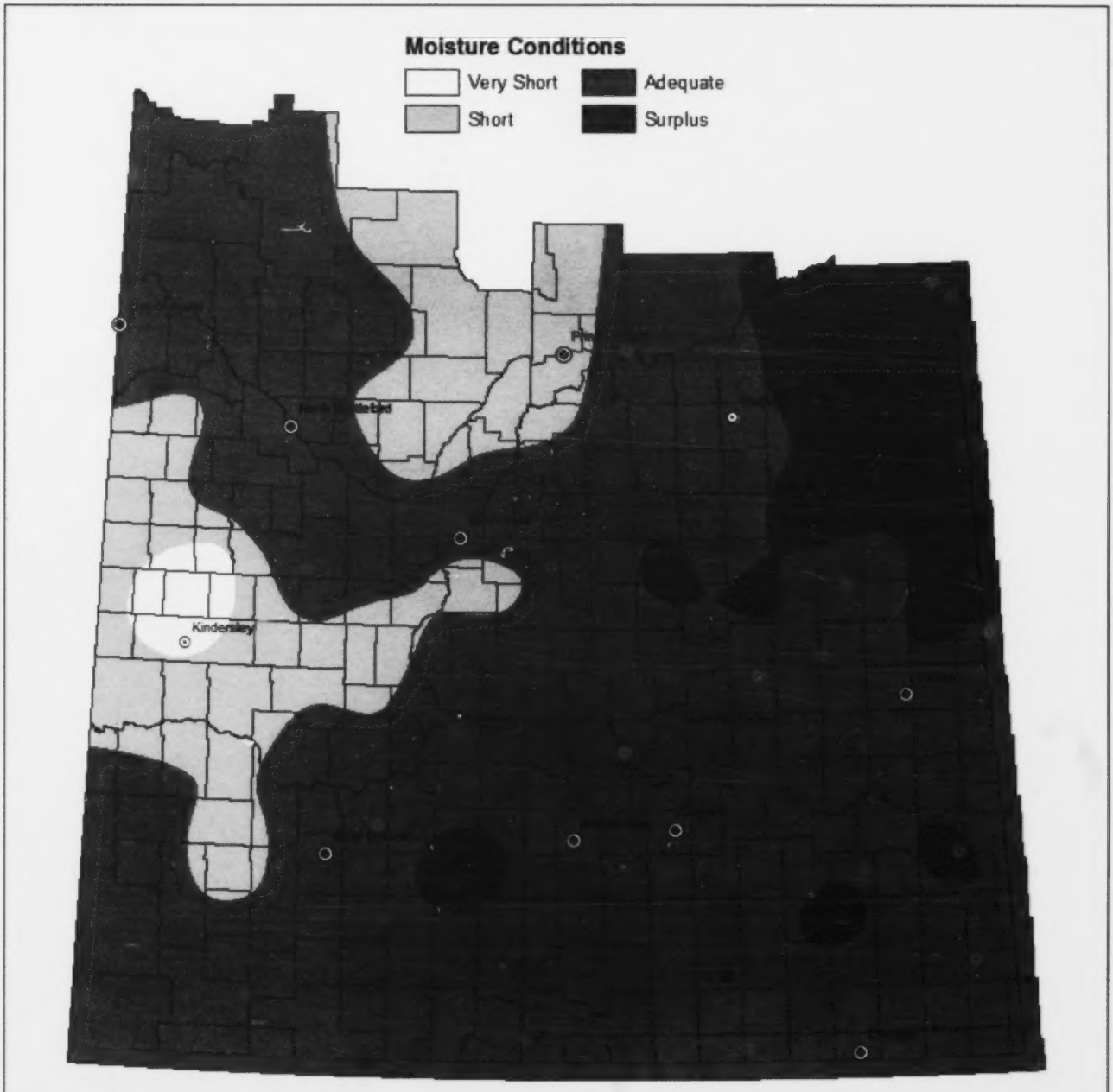

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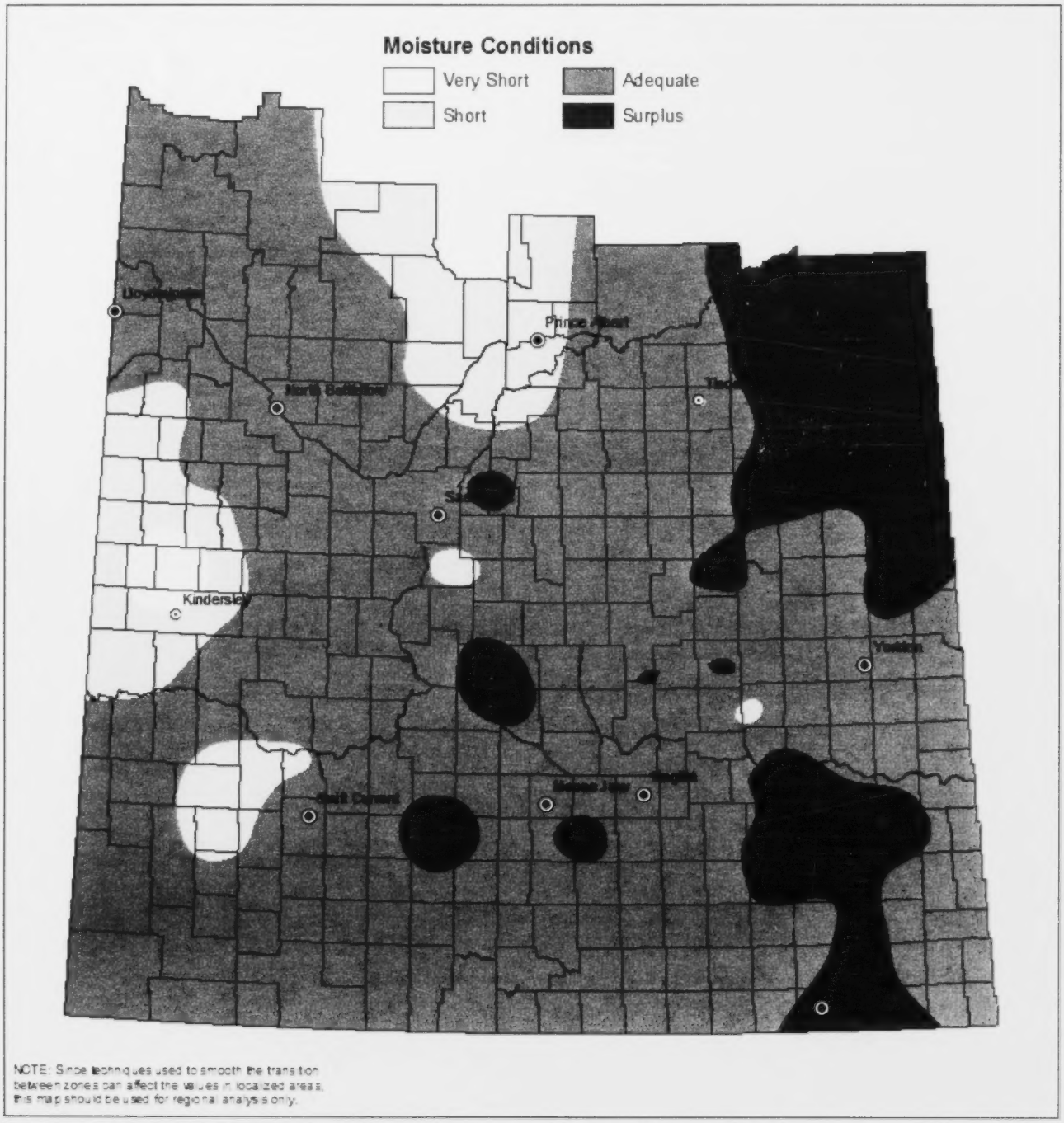

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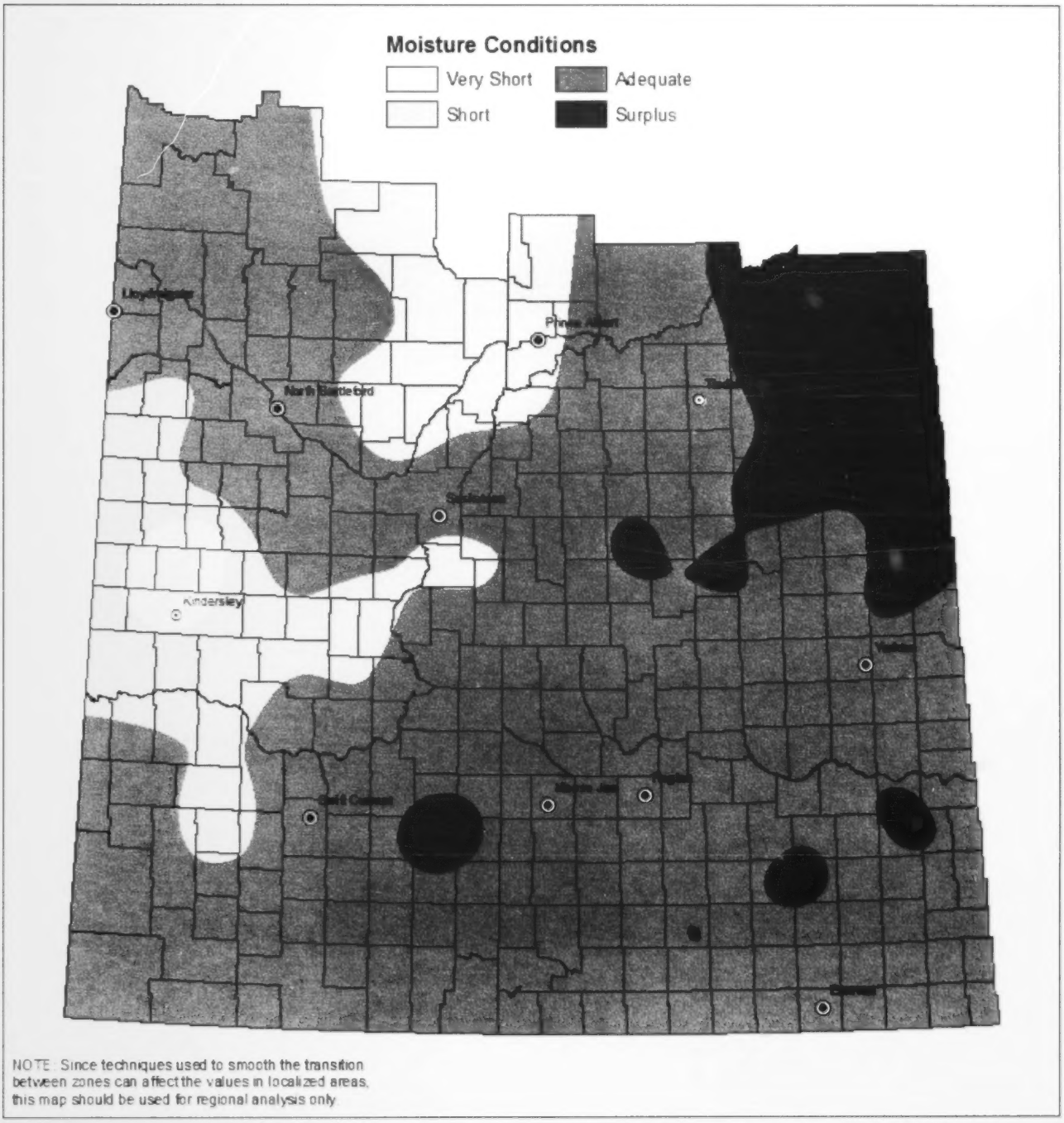

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